



Charles Madison Hairston, Sr. Obituary

July 15, 1926 - May 24, 2008

Charles Madison Hairston, 81, of Albany, died Saturday, May 24, 2008 at his residence. Mr. Hairston was born in Marietta, GA on July 15, 1926, son of the late Madison Palmer and Susie Booth Hairston. Charlie was the loving and devoted husband of Sally McKay Hairston; they have been married for 57 years. He was an active member of Covenant Presbyterian Church where he served as Elder Emeritus, Elder, and Deacon. Mr. Hairston grew up in Rome Georgia and attended Berry Academy in Rome. He served in the Navy and was a WWII veteran after serving with occupation forces in Japan. He was a graduate of the Mercer University class of 1950 and served as Vice President and Treasurer of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Mr. Hairston was with Southeastern Mortgage Company for over 40 years and served as President/CEO and later retired as President and CEO of Banker's First mortgage banking units and finished his career on the board of First State Bank Mortgage. He served on the Board of Directors for the Albany Symphony and The Community Concert Association for over 20 years and serving as president on both boards in support of his love for classical music. Mr. Hairston was a 55-year member of the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club and served as President, Vice President, and Treasurer. He enjoyed spending time with family, gardening, classical music, boating and fishing at his lake house, building projects, and camping with his family when his children were growing up. Charlie will always be remembered for his warm smile, amazing endurance and strength, perseverance, and dignity even in his battle with health struggles, and that he

always had reverence for the LORD. Survivors include his wife Sally McKay Hairston of Albany; two daughters, Sally Hairston Maphrus and husband Wofford Evans Malphrus, and Caree Hairtson Elder and husband Michael John Elder both of Albany; one son Charles Madison Hairston Jr. and wife Cathleen Swenson Hairston of Kennesaw; a sister Frances Hairston Watson and husband Clarence of Knoxville; a brother Byron Booth Hairston and wife Mary of Rome GA; 6 grandchildren; Cameron Evans Malphrus, James Christopher Malphrus, Sara Cathryn Malphrus, Lauren Amber Mathis, Ragan Elizabeth Elder all of Albany and Michael Kyle Hairston of Kennesaw ; one great-grandson, Cameron Evans Malphrus, Jr. of Albany, and a number of nieces and nephews. Mr. Hairston was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Janet Hairston Amason and her husband Lloyd. Those desiring may make memorials to Covenant Presbyterian Church Organ Fund, 2126 W. Edgewater Dr. Albany, GA 31707.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Dear Sally,
I am very sorry for your loss. Although I have not seen you or
Charles for 61 years, I am sure you both enjoyed a wonderful life
together.*

Bill Smith - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to you, Mrs. Hairston. I know you miss him.*

Lynn Loving Sommet - June 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *To all family and friends
Even though im no longer a part of the family Violet meant alot to me and i loved her dearly my thoughts and prayers are with all of you I still love all of you with deepest sympathy and much love
Vonda*

Vonda Anderson Butler - June 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Sally Im so very sorry for your loss. I truley enjoyed the pleasure of getting to know you and mr. hairston in ths past. you are in my prayers.*

Charesse James - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *You all will be in my prayers.*

Patrick Thompson - May 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *sally i am sure sorry to here this terrible news been there done that however u r in my deepest prayers --*

jo houston mccranie - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Sally, my deepest sympathy to you and yoru family. I know too well how you feel as mom passed away 12/23 of this past year. I will be praying for your strength and peace at this hard time! Much love,
Karon*

Karon Sample Phillips - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I will keep you all close in my heart and prayers.*

Jan Robinson - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Sally and family:
How sad I was to learn that Charlie died. He was such a gentlemen and did so much good for our community. Albany and the arts will miss him so.
Know you are all in my thoughts and prayers....*

Patsy

Patsy Martin - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Dear Sally*

*Your Charles was a very special gentleman that I liked and respected so much.
I wish I could be there but since I cannot, please know that you and your family are in my prayers.*

*Dwight Sample
Longwood, Florida*

Dwight Sample - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Dear Sally and Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Dottie Sandison Bridges - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ THE ALBANY SYMPHONY SHOULD DEDICATE A PIECE NEXT CONCERT IN MEMORY & THANKS FOR CHARLIE'S YEARS OF UNTIRING SERVICE FOR THE SYMPHONY AS A LONG TIME BOARD MEMBER & ALWAYS AVAILABLE WORKER EVEN IN DESIGNING THE SOUND REFLECTORS WHICH PROJECT EACH NOTE OUT TO THE AUDIENCE; THOUGH I'M NO LONGER ON BOARD I SUGGEST BOTH A SYMPHONIC PIECE AND A MEMORIAL PARAGRAPH TO BOARD & TO CLAIR HILLIARD, GRACE & BLESSINGS GENE BLACK, JR

eugene black,jr - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sally, Carl and I are so saddened by Charlie's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the children. We sure had good times together.

Susanna Barnes Beard - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Sally, Madison, Caree and Sally Banks and all of your family. I am so sorry to hear about "Uncle Charlie". He was a special man. I appreciated so much his interest in my Flute playing and in him helping me meet the Flute Professor, Charles Delaney. We both shared a love for music and gardening. I enjoyed our talks on those subjects. Uncle Charlie had such an energy and vitality that shone through and such a love for family was evident. I enjoyed seeing him at the family reunions and will miss him. The last time that I saw him was at the Hairston Reunion in which we visited the old homeplace and heard several talks on the relatives from long ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love, Amy (Carol's daughter and Bunny's Granddaughter)

Amy C. Parker - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Wishing you all my love, care and concern in this difficult time and hoping that the beauty you find in your many, many wonderful memories will bring you warmth and help sustain you in the coming days. God's love be with you all.

Carol Griffin - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Sally,

I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I just went through this myself and know what you must be feeling. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dianne (Mona) Renn - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Sally, I am so deeply sorry, you both have always been that wonderful couple together and just know how much you are going to miss him. My prayers are with you, Love, Lou

Ms. Lou Johnson - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Sally, Caree, Mike, and Lauren
I met Charlie in 1984 when I joined Kiwanis. I always enjoyed talking to him and working with him on our different projects. My circle of friendship got bigger once I met Sally, became friends with Mike and Caree, and Lauren became a family friend. I'll miss Charlie. He was a good man.

Chuck DARSEY - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *My sympathy and prayers for you and your family, Sally. May your father rest peacefully in GOD's hands.*

Chuck Mitchell - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *I am sorry for your loss. I knew Sally in school and her father in business. I recently loss my father, we are never fully prepared.*

Donna Binns Jones

Donna Binns Jones - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Sally, Please accept my prayers and sympathy for you and your family in the loss of your father.....in sympathy, Jeff*

Jeff Harris - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Sally, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Babs Davis Alley*

Babs Davis Alley - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *I loved my uncle. I'm so sorry I can't be there. My love to the whole family. Daddy (Byron) misses him terribly. Mama (Mary) sends her love.*

Phyllis Wand - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Just wanted you to know how much I cared about Mr. Hairston and that I'm thinking about you all.*

Wendy Bowman-Littler - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Sally,
We are thinking of you and your family. With prayers & sympathy,
Dimi & Thomas*

Dimi & Thomas Williams - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM